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ATTN: **Box Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. (Not yet assigned); Filed 09/21/2001  
For: **Ranking-based Automatic Dark Compensation Circuit**  
Inventor(s): **Li, C.**  
Docket No.: **ICM-P005**

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1. U.S. UTILITY APPLICATION  
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having named inventor(s):  
**Li, C.**
  - a. a specification consisting:
    - (i) 6 pages prior to the claims, including title page;
    - (ii) 2 pages of claims;
    - (iii) 1 page abstract;
  - b. 3 sheets of **informal** drawings: (FIGs. 1-3);
2. An **original, executed** Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by named inventors;
3. Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate);
4. Cover letter for Assignment (Form PTO-1595)
5. An original, executed Assignment to **IC MEDIA CORPORATION**, executed by named inventors, recordation of which is hereby requested;
6. Request and Certification Form PTO/SB/35 (11-00);
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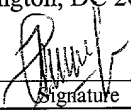
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**ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): **Li, C.**

Entitled: **"RANKING-BASED AUTOMATIC DARK COMPENSATION CIRCUIT"**

9 No. pages of specification, including title page, claims and abstract  
3 No. sheets of X informal,        formal drawings

Also enclosed are:

- X Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application  
X An Original Executed Assignment of the Application  
X Form PTO-1595 (Recordation Cover Sheet for Assignment)  
X Request and Certification Form PTO/SB/35 (11-00)  
X Application Data Sheet (3 sheets)  
       An Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO/SB/08A and Form PTO/SB/08B)  
       A copy of References cited in Information Disclosure:        documents

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X Applicant Claims Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27)

The fees due for filing the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and for recording the Assignment, if any, are determined as follow:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fees
Basic Application Fee (\$710 large entity; \$355 small entity)					\$ 355.00
Total Claims	6	Minus 20 =		X \$18 = X \$ 9 (small) =	.00
Total Independent Claims	2	Minus 3 =		X \$80 = X \$40 (small) =	.00
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X I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen month after filing. **I hereby request that the attached application not to be publish under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).**

This application is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53 in the name of the above-identified Inventor(s).


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	Title	Ranking-based Automatic Dark Compensation Circuit
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